

PHILEMON

THE KEY TO FORGIVENESS

Philemon vv. 4-6

A. Review

B. Verse 4 – Paul Always Prayed for Philemon

1. “I thank my God” – (euchristo) to thank
2. “making mention” – (mneia) to remember
3. “always” – every time Philemon came to his mind

C. Verse 5 – What Paul Had Heard About Philemon

1. “hearing” – Who told Paul about how Philemon was doing?
2. “love produced by faith”
3. “Love is ever the fruit of faith” – R.C.H. Lenski
4. The combination of love and faith
5. Philemon had a reputation of being a man who was loving and had a strong faith in Jesus Christ
6. A chiasm (faith in Jesus ... love for the saints)

D. Verse 6 – Putting Generosity Into Action

1. “sharing” – (koinonia) fellowship
2. “effective” – (energes) energized or active
3. An active, not a passive, faith
4. “acknowledgement” – (epiginosis) precise and correct knowledge
5. “good thing” – (agathos) honorable and right
6. The motive of why we should forgive someone else